HOUSE BILL NO. 21

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SHALL
REIMBURSE A MUNICIPALITY FOR A PORTION OF THE AD VALOREM TAX LOSS
SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF STATE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY IN A
MUNICIPALITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MONIES REIMBURSED TO A
MUNICIPALITY UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL
FUND OF SUCH MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. (1) Beginning July 1, 2002, and each succeeding
July 1 thereafter, the State of Mississippi shall reimburse any
municipality in this state which sustains an ad valorem tax loss
as a result of the ownership of the property described in Section
27-31-1(b), Mississippi Code of 1972, by the State of Mississippi.
The amount of such reimbursement shall be fifty percent (50%) of
the ad valorem tax loss. For the purposes of this section, the
term "ad valorem tax loss" means the amount of ad valorem tax
revenue that a municipality would have received from ad valorem
taxation of the property described in Section 27-31-1(b),
Mississippi Code of 1972, if such property was not exempt from ad
valorem taxation as a result of its ownership by the State of
Mississippi. The monies reimbursed to a municipality under this
section shall be deposited into the general fund of such
municipality.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the property described
in Section 27-31-1(b), Mississippi Code of 1972, that is owned by
the State of Mississippi shall be assessed in the same manner and
in accordance with the same procedure for the assessment of
property under Sections 27-35-1 through 27-35-167, Mississippi
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.